

Lesson 18 Jesus - The Intercessor (John 17:1-26)

THE REAL LORD'S PRAYER

A. What is the background?

1. It is considered by some as "Holy of Holies" of **Scripture**.
2. It is a revelation of the **inner sanctum** of Jesus' heart.

B. It is divided into three sections.

1. He prays for **Himself**.
2. He prays for His **apostles**.
3. He prays for all **believers**.

JESUS' PRAYER FOR HIMSELF John 17:1-5

A. Glorification in the cross

1. It is the revelation of His **nature** and **purpose**.
2. It is the revelation of the **character** of God.
3. It is the revelation of the **extent** of His **love**.

B. Glorification in Heaven

1. It is the **return** to His glory.
2. It is the new **dimension** of His glory.

C. Glorification in the Church

1. Jesus is glorified through the **lives** of **Believers**.
2. Jesus is glorified for the

JESUS' PRAYER FOR HIS DISCIPLES John 17:6-19

A. The Christian's relationship to Jesus

1. What is His response to us?
 - a. We were **given** to Jesus.
 - b. The Father's **heart** was set upon us before we **knew** Him.
2. What is our response to Him?
 - a. What is His **description** of us?
 - b. What is the **evidence** of our love?

B. The Christian's relationship to other Christians

"For wolves to worry lambs is no wonder, but for one lamb to worry another, this is unnatural and monstrous."

Thomas Brookes

1. Jesus prayed for **unity**.
2. Jesus prayed for **oneness**.
3. Jesus prayed for **joy**.

“Joy is the occupation, the character, and realization of Heaven.”

James M. Boice

C. The Christian's relationship to the world

1. It is not **withdrawal**.
2. It is not **assimilation**.

JESUS' PRAYER FOR FUTURE DISCIPLES John 17:20-26

“Has it ever occurred to you that one hundred pianos all tuned to the same fork are automatically tuned to each other? They are of one accord by being tuned, not to each other, but to another standard to which each one must individually bow. So one hundred worshipers met together, each one looking to Christ, are in heart nearer to each other than they could possibly be...”

A. W. Tozier

